from a British Airways aircraft on the 11th February at the Delhi airport.

(b) if so, what was the total quantity of gold being smuggled by the airline;

(c) whether any of the British Airways staff has been taken into custody; and

(d) what is the reason for allowing the aircraft to leave from Delhi though it carried a large quantity of contraband gold?

THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On 11th February, 1987, in pursuance of an information the Officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Delhi, checked at Delhi Airport a British Airways aircraft which arrived from London via Dubai. As a result, 240 gold biscuits of foreign origin of 10 tolas each and valued at Rs. 70 lakhs were recovered from the panels of one of the toilets of the aircraft. In this connection, two local employees of British Airways were arrested on 11th February, 1987.

(b) The aircraft was not seized as the investigation did not, *prima facie*, reveal any involvement on the part of the airline company or crew in the smuggling activities.

Report of the Review Committee of CSIR

1131. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee set up to review the functioning of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made in the report and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Review Committee of CSIR has submitted its report to the Government.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee include among others:

(i) Re-drafting of the charter of CSIR and the laboratories;

(ii) Revamping the management structure of the CSIR and the laboratories;

(iii) Guidelines for selection of R&D projects;

(iv) Increasing the earnings of CSIR;

(v) Measures to improve the mobility of the scientists;

(vi) Training and re-training of personnel;

(vii) Modernisation of laboratories;

(viii) Restructuring of laboratories.

(ix) Transfer of few laboratories to Scientific Departments of Government;

(x) Government policies to—

(a) Promote R&D in industry,

(b) facilities the use of indigenous technology, and

(c) improve the absorption of imported technology.

Copies of the Report have been placed in the library of Parliament. All the recommendations are under the examination of Government from the point of view of the development of science and technology.

कम्प्यूटर के प्रयोग में उपलब्धियां

1132. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयुक्त किए जाने संबंधी सरकारी नीति के लक्ष्यों में अब तक कितनी सफलता मिली है; और

(ख) अभी तक विभिन्न विभागों में कम्प्यूटरों का उपयोग करने के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है ताकि अर्थव्यवस्था के महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में उत्पादकता में सुधार लाया जा सके। अतः इस प्रयोजन के लिए कोई निश्चित-लक्ष्य नहीं निर्धारित किए गए हैं । प्राथमिकता तथा स्रोतों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग से प्रौद्योगिकी का उन्नयन किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) विभिन्न विभागों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग का मुख्य प्रभाव निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों में पड़ा है :

(i) सूचना की समय पर उपलब्धता ।

(ii) बेहतर निर्णय लेने के लिए सूचना का विश्लेषण ।

(iii) सूचना-प्रौद्योगिकी के आधुनिक साधनों का प्रयोग ।

Time-table for Withdrawal of Pakistani Troops

1133. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a time-table for withdrawal of Pakistani troops has been proposed; as reported in the Hindustan Times of 1st February, 1987; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to seal western borders, in view of the problem of terrorism created beyond the frontiers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) An agreement has been reached with the signing of 'Minutes of Consultation' at the official level talks between Pakistan and India, to defuse the border situation through a sector by sector approach. Accardingly, withdrawal of troops by Pakistan from the Ravi-Chenab sector has been completed on 19th February, 1987.

(b) Government are fully aware of the problems related to terrorism and necessary steps are taken from time to time, to increase the vigilance on the borders.

Loans granted under self employment scheme

1134. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received, state-wise, by banks under the